

Sinner [†]

Lạng niyom khǝm zām
Phùgon,
Nại cit viplás
Maèndāe;
Hạk mị sǝng taùng kmol
Mihǝang khaunggrai;
Midǝngcại kaègāen
Ỗgid.
Gambuḍ đỉ joàng lậu
Laùlhauk na-ọe,
Mịtǝe jom snom-sniḍ
Maènmāen;
Gvamlẹ̣ Ỗsạmrauk
Conkvǝ blāng-lạe,
Phol cǝng gạḅgāen dặ
Kǝudoeḍ.

Kit Johnstone
Bạngkauk,

[†] In the form of *glongdàn bạdkuñjaur*. The parallel prose is the following.

Gonbạl

Like a psychic
Some enjoy
Hurting the
Defenceless,
And would take
Whatever of
Whomever things
They want.
Beguilingly first
Then exploitatively
Use those once
They trust them;
Thereby
Wrongs and vengeance,
Like a circle,
Never end.

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